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Around D-M

New combo

The combination to the mandatory recreational vehicle lot on Yuma Road changes Dec. 28. The new combination is available to registered users 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at the housing management office, Building 2555. Call Dee Green at 8-5706 for more information.

Free rides

Partygoers at D-M clubs are eligible for a free ride home after the party. Rides, arranged by the on-duty club manager, are for those who feel impaired due to the consumption of alcohol. Riders will be taken home, anywhere in Tucson, but to no other destinations. The free service is provided by the 355th Services Squadron. Call the Desert Oasis at 8-8666 or the officers' club at 8-0660 for more information.

Lights on for Life

Today is Lights on for Life Day, a campaign that asks motorists to turn on their headlights during daytime driving to remember those who have lost their lives or were injured due to drunk or drugged drivers.

**Days since
last D-M DUI:**

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**Need a ride? Call Airmen
Against Drunk Driving
at 850-2233.**

(Current as of Thursday)



Airman 1st Class Latonia Brown

Heave, ho ...

Members of the 354th Fighter Squadron lead weapons crew position an Ammunition Loading Assembly, also known as the "Dragon," during an Integrated Combat Turnaround on a Bulldog A-10 prior to takeoff during the Phase II Operational Readiness Exercise, Dec. 5-7. The ALA is used to load 30 mm ammunition into the A-10's GAU-8/A gun. For more information about the wing's exercise, see the story and photos on Page 3.

Security forces tops in ACC

First time in command's history a non-nuclear unit earns award

By Staff Sgt. Karin Wickwire
Public affairs

For the first time in Air Combat Command's eight-year history, a non-nuclear unit is the Outstanding Large Security Forces unit of the year.

"We were confident we'd be competitive for this award because of all our accomplishments this year," said Chief Master Sgt. Paul Ceciliani, 355th Security Forces Squadron security forces manager.

"Typically, nuclear units usually win this award since they have a

more diverse mission and have larger units ranging from 400-700 personnel versus our unit size of 250," Ceciliani explained.

For the 355th SFS to receive this recognition over all the units with a nuclear mission means a lot to the men and women who make up the 335th SFS Desert Defenders, according to Lt. Col. Myron Freeman, 355th SFS commander. "Their hard work and dedication in accomplishing the mission while taking care of the people and community has earned them the title of the best of the best in ACC."

Over the past year, the unit's mission included supporting deployments, finishing as the No. 1 Contending Warrior team and reducing crime and speeding on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

"We deployed 142 personnel in support of operations around the world; most notably, we were called upon by ACC to be the first unit in the Air Force to establish force protection at Manta, Ecuador, in support of U.S. counter-drug operations," Freeman said.

The 355th SFS became the top
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Commander's Corner



Col. Bobby Wilkes
355th Wing Commander

Commander's Salute

This week, I salute **Capt. Christopher Parker**, 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron, project officer for the Santas in Blue program, and other SIB volunteers for helping bring holiday cheer to our Tucson neighbors. Well done!

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M. Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement. The fastest way to pass along comments or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, at **228-4747**, or you can send an e-mail to us at: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous

calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

AAFES Agencies	748-7887
Accounting and Finance	228-4964
Chaplain	8-5411
Civil Engineering	8-3401
Clinic	8-2930
Commissary	8-3116
Family Support	8-5690
Fitness Center	8-3714
Housing Office	8-3687
Inspector General	8-3559
Legal	8-6432
Lodging	8-4845
Military/Civilian	
Equal Opportunity Office	8-5509
Military Personnel	8-5689
Public Affairs	8-3204
Security Forces	8-6178
Services	8-5596
Transportation	8-3584

Fitness center issues

Comment:

This is a comment on the "ID GYM PATRONS" comment in the Nov. 17 edition of the *Desert Airman*. I use the gym almost every day and I see the same people there every time. I don't understand this person's trivial concern. However, I am concerned about the shabby way the gym is managed.

There are always a bunch of people in the front office that do not seem to have much to do. I don't know if these people are getting paid but the shower area and the sauna is always dirty, we're always out of soap and, for a long time, the sauna was in disrepair.

The excuse was that they were waiting for some exotic wood. Most saunas are constructed of simple redwood. And with all the idle people there, what ever happened to the self-help program? Maybe we have more money than we can spend now?

Response:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience you may have experienced during your visits to the fitness center. We would like to reassure you that we are making every effort to change the perceived image we may have portrayed to some patrons.

Our fitness center staff will be more visible throughout the activity and be more accessible to customers in the exercise areas, locker rooms and other highly used areas. Our concentrated efforts will be directed in these areas during busier periods rather than in the office areas.

We have already taken steps to ensure proper cleanliness of the sauna and the shower area on a more frequent basis. As for the sauna, we use redwood, which had to be ordered, delaying the repair. It is now back on line and fully functional.

Thank you again for your comments. If you have any further questions or concerns about the fitness center, contact Robert Gibson, fitness center director, at 8-4556.

Your Final Answer?

What is your favorite holiday tradition?



Capt. Rory Horan
355th Component
Repair Squadron

"Decorating our home and the tree with our kids."



2nd Lt.
Caroline Bower
25th Operational
Weather Squadron

"Thanksgiving! It is more about family and coming together. At Thanksgiving, our family always gets together, sort of a family reunion. I've always looked forward to it."



Airman 1st Class
Abe Knowlton
358th Fighter Squadron

"Thanksgiving turkey and dinner are my favorite. Coming together with family and friends and eating lots of food."



Tech. Sgt.
Stan Joseph
355th Transportation
Squadron

"Christmas! I enjoy being with my family, decorating the house and participating in family activities."



Tech. Sgt.
Eric Connor
Detachment 2, 67th
Intelligence Group

"Thanksgiving and eating turkey."



Capt.
Monica Patridge
612th Air Intelligence
Squadron

"Lighting the candles on the Advent wreath."

Wing at 'war'

Phase II exercise tests D-M's fighting ability

By Staff Sgt. J. Elaine Phillinganes
Public affairs

More than 2,000 troops cheered as the "war" with Iraq ended Dec. 7 at 11 p.m. here at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

However, this was not a real war. It was an exercise called a Phase II Operational Readiness Exercise that gave members the opportunity to practice their skills under simulated hostile conditions.

Many residents in base housing were awakened at odd hours of the night during the three-day scenario as the explosive ordnance disposal team set off ground burst simulators to replicate attacks by the enemy.

D-M troops worked rotating 12-hour shifts throughout the exercise, for the most part in chemical-attack protection gear that covered their bodies from head to toe. The troops set up camp at Base X, which was a simulation of Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait, a real world location that more than 300 D-M warriors became familiar with during the last Aerospace Expeditionary Force 5 deployment earlier this year.

The reason troops must practice during exercises like this is so

that when the time comes to put on the chemical gear for real, whether it be fighting Iraqis in Kuwait or another hostile combatants elsewhere, they will be combat ready.

"Each and every soldier, sailor, Marine and airman must be confident in how to wear the gear and be comfortable to carry on their mission under those conditions," said Lt. Col. Marc Duncan, 355th Wing Plans.

"Keeping people safe in the field and our loved ones at home is

what it is all about. If we fail to do our mission because of a lack of practice, then we fail to protect our country," said Duncan.

The exercise went well from all perspectives. "In the first couple hours, I was

with everyone else on center stage in the middle of a rusty juggling act in the operations center. It was amazing how quickly we got into a groove. Of course we made mistakes, but never the same one twice. This was an incredible learning experience," said Col. Larry Stutzriem, 355th Wing vice commander.

Stutzriem was pleased with the attitudes of the participants.

During the last few hours of the exercise when people were waiting for it to end, wing leadership threw a few more tricks at them to keep them on their toes. An evacuation of the building was one such training event. Although tired and ready for ENDEX, the troops reacted professionally and kept their game faces on.

"This wing is filled with warriors with a sharp focus. In the last hour of the tough week, we 'bugged out'

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Lt. Col. Mark Duncan
355th Wing Plans



Airman 1st Class Latonia Brown

355th Wing members take advantage of a break in the action to sample the 355th Services Squadron's Mobile Kitchen Trailer choices.



Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

Staff Sgt. Richard Mercado and Airman 1st Class Latonia Brown, both 355th Communications Squadron members, perform "buddy" checks after assuming Mission-Oriented Protective Posture level 4.

and moved to an alternate command center location. There wasn't a single groan, just action. Impressive!" Stutzriem said.

This was the first Phase II ORE in more than two years for the wing. The Phase II allowed troops to test their skills and pretend they were deployed to a hostile location and bypasses the preliminary deployment processing accomplished during the Phase I exercise.

The biggest challenges during the exercise seemed to stem from lack of communication. "So much of what people complained about was there in the Base X Plan ... and people just weren't following it," said Maj. Bob Singleton, 355th Wing Plans.

There are areas that still need improvement, according to the feedback given during the Phase II hotwash. The accountability list will be refined and automated upon entrance and exit of the play area as well as the standardization of a few other methods.

The one thing that can be taken more seriously was clean up. "We



Airman 1st Class Latonia Brown

Senior Airman Jason Muckle, prepares a CBU-87 Combined Effects Munition for loading on an A-10. Muckle is a 354th Fighter Squadron weapons load crew member.

have to plan for the long haul ... we don't have contractors coming into to clean up after us at 'Jaber,'" said Lt. Col. Sokolsky, 355th Operation Support Squadron commander.

Overall, the Phase II served its purpose and allowed the leadership to determine current capabilities and identify areas that need improvement, Duncan said.

The wing is now gearing up for the Phase I generation exercise Jan. 9 through 12.

Award

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Contending Warrior team in ACC by beating the other 18 teams by at least 100 points.

This honor represents the core skills of the security forces profession — field leadership, combat tactics, marksmanship and fitness.

"It took a lot of teamwork and dedication from the whole unit to come out on top," Ceciliani said.

In 2000, the Desert Defenders worked hard to reduce crime on base and make D-M a tougher target for terrorists.

"The unit takes pride in knowing their hard work has made a difference in making the D-M community a safer place to live and work," Freeman said.

Besides their normal duties, the Desert Defenders also volunteered many hours teaching Drug Abuse Resistance Education to local elementary students and supporting the wing's Future Force initiative — a recruiting program that takes ac-



Senior Airman Amy McBeth

Staff Sgt. Guy Dashnea, 355th Security Forces Squadron, keeps a sharp eye open for aggressors during training for the Contending Warrior competition.

tive duty members to local high schools to talk about their Air Force experiences, he added.

While all the unit's accomplishments added up to make a strong package, it was teamwork that won the award, Freeman explained.

"We couldn't have won this with-

out the outstanding support from the 355th Wing leadership or each 355th SFS member's selfless devotion to duty, personal pride and professionalism in mission accomplishment," he said. "They should all be very proud of this accomplishment."

Sixteen airmen earn Article 15 action

The following airmen received punishments in October for their actions:

A senior airman received a suspended reduction to airman basic, 14 days restriction and 14 days extra duty for dereliction of duty and driving while intoxicated, violations of Articles 92 and 111 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

An airman first class received a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay for two months, 21 days restriction and 21 days extra duty for underage drinking, a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

An airman basic received forfeiture of \$502 pay, 45 days restriction and 45 days extra duty for being absent without leave and making a false official statement, violations of Articles 86 and 107 of the UCMJ.

An airman received a suspended reduction to airman basic for making a false official statement, a violation of Article 107 of the UCMJ.

A senior airman received a suspended reduction to airman first class, 30 days restriction and 30 days extra duty for failing to obey a lawful order and making a false

official statement, violations of Articles 92 and 107 of the UCMJ.

A senior airman received a suspended reduction to airman first class and a reprimand for driving while intoxicated, a violation of Article 111 of the UCMJ.

A senior airman received a suspended reduction to airman first class and 14 days extra duty for communicating indecent language, a violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ.

An airman first class received a suspended reduction to airman and 20 days extra duty for failure to go, a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

An airman first class received a reduction to airman for failure to go, a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

An airman first class received a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay for two months, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for underage drinking, making a false official statement and for being drunk and disorderly, violations of Articles 92, 107 and 134 of the UCMJ.

An airman first class received a reduction to airman, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for underage drinking and for being

drunk and disorderly, violations of Articles 92 and 134 of the UCMJ.

A senior airman received a reduction to airman first class for failure to pay a just debt, a violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ.

An airman first class received a reduction to airman for underage drinking, a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

An airman received a reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$50 pay for two months, 45 days restriction and 45 days extra duty for downloading pornographic material onto his government computer and assault, violations of Articles 92 and 128 of the UCMJ.

An airman first class received a reduction to airman for making a false official statement and failure to pay a just debt, violations of Articles 107 and 134 of the UCMJ.

A senior airman received a reduction to airman first class for larceny and dereliction of duty, violations of Articles 92 and 121 of the UCMJ.

The same offense can result in different punishments for each member. The commander of the offender must consider several factors while determining punishment such as the offender's service record, previous incidents and the seriousness of the offense.

Base salutes retiring members

The following Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members, after years of hard work, dedication and service, will retire in the month of December:

Master Sgt. Thomas Bloodsworth, 355th Operations Support Squadron; Master Sgt. David Boggs, 355th Wing; Master Sgt. Sheri Lynn Cavalieri, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Master Sgt. Eugene Dalton, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Marie Guinee, 12th Air Force; Master Sgt. Aubrey Hutchins, 355th OSS; Tech. Sgt. James Kephart, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Kathleen Koch, 355th Training Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Richard Lariche, 612th Communications Systems Squadron; Master Sgt. Karl Leggett, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Stanley Losiewicz, 357th Fighter Squadron; Master Sgt. James Mason, 43rd ECS; Tech. Sgt. Rodney McDowell, 41st ECS; Tech. Sgt. Richard Olson, 355th Security Forces Squadron; Master Sgt. Gabriel Ramirez, 12th AF; Master Sgt. Richard Renner, 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron; Senior Master Sgt. Edward Roseman, 41st ECS; Master Sgt. Scott Sadlon, 355th OSS; Master Sgt. Miguel Scott, 355th Mission Support Squadron; Master Sgt. Steven Simmelink, 358th Fighter Squadron; Master Sgt. Willie Thomas, 355th Logistic Support Squadron; and Master Sgt. Lawrence Westra, 357th FS.

Congratulations are extended to the retirees and their families for their dedication, achievements and service in the U.S. Air Force and at D-M. (Courtesy 355th Wing Career Assistance Advisor)



NCO Academy graduates 21

Twenty-one Davis-Monthan Air Force Base technical sergeants graduated from the NCO academy Wednesday.

Richard Brown and Alan Shoemaker, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, were the distinguished graduates.

Other graduates were: Steven Alcorn, 357th Fighter Squadron; Daniel Brooks, 354th Fighter Squadron; Robert Fennesy, 358th Fighter Squadron; Kristina Ferguson, 612th Air Intelligence Group; Kenneth James, 355th Component Repair Squadron; Ellen Jarrells, 355th Security Forces Squadron; Ellen Kilinc, 355th Wing; Albert Lucas, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Allan Myers, 612th Air Intelligence Squadron; James Nemec, 355th EMS; Donald Nichols, 612th AIS; Derron Preston, 314th Training Squadron; Charles Ray, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron; Mark Ray, 355th Communications Squadron; Daniel Saiz, 355th Mission Support Squadron; Thomas Shook, 355th CRS; David Smith, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron; Miguel Vasquez-Jimenez, 355th CRS; and Jeffrey White, 25th Operational Weather Squadron.



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Santas in Blue deliver

Santa and his helper give a gift to Ryan Miguel, a second grader at San Simon Elementary School, during the Santas in Blue visit Monday. Santa was 1st Lt. Steve Berieit, 355th Logistics Support Squadron, and his helper was Airman Misty Garza, 355th Supply Squadron.

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members choose re-enlistment

The following Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members re-enlisted in the month of November:

12th Air Force

Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Nelson and Master Sgt. Marga Pantfoeder.

612th Air Base Squadron

Staff Sgt. David Gray

612th Air Communications Squadron

Master Sgt. Denise Prior

612th Air Intelligence Squadron

Senior Airman Alicia Amador and Master Sgt. Allison Drake.

612th Air Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Bradley Harris and Staff Sgt. Elvin Sander.

612th Combat Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Eric Hurndon, Senior Airman Barbra Labossiere and Senior Airman Kenneth Palacio.

25th Operational Weather Squadron

Senior Airman Brian Clark and Senior Airman Michael Miller.

355th Wing

Senior Airman Rachel Clark, Staff Sgt. Bruce Deraad and Master Sgt. Joseph Truttman.

42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron

Senior Airman Michael Clark, Senior Airman Gary Desserich, Senior Airman Richard Ellis, Master Sgt. Steven Fleming, Tech. Sgt.

Ronald Hall Jr., Senior Airman Mark Loutzenhiser, Staff Sgt. James Sibble, Tech. Sgt. Michael Wood and Senior Airman Tameka Woolfolk.

355th Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Troy Trimnal

355th Communications Squadron

Master Sgt. Michael Dawson, Staff Sgt. Robert French, Tech. Sgt. Donald Kerby, Staff Sgt. Randolph McIntyre and Senior Airman Ernesto Sisneroz.

355th Component Repair Squadron

Senior Airman Corey Champion, Senior Airman Rafael Diaz, Senior Airman Michael Hendrix, Senior Airman Steven Hoffmann, Staff Sgt. Daniel Isenberg, Staff Sgt. Chad Nute, Senior Airman Lyvier River and Senior Airman Tyrone Sandoval.

355th Contracting Squadron

Master Sgt. Charles Gonzales Jr. and Staff Sgt. Sean Warner.

355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Anderson, Senior Airman Aaron Bruton, Master Sgt. James Burkardt, Staff Sgt. Edwin Crandall and Senior Airman Terrell Sheline.

41st Electronic Combat Squadron

Staff Sgt. Russell Brown, Senior Airman Daniel Carkuff, Staff Sgt. Duane Hohle, Staff Sgt. Kevin Kading, Staff Sgt. Alan Legowik and

Staff Sgt. Raymond Steffens Jr.

43rd Electronic Combat Squadron

Senior Airman Thomas Akers and Staff Sgt. Ronald Heilman Jr.

354th Fighter Squadron

Staff Sgt. James Kuhn, Staff Sgt. Taras Randolph and Staff Sgt. Ronald Renfroe.

357th Fighter Squadron

Senior Airman Matthew Coffman, Senior Airman Michael Hodges, Staff Sgt. Steven Markowski and Senior Airman McDuffy Pettway.

358th Fighter Squadron

Senior Airman Christian Hernandez, Staff Sgt. Emery Makany and Senior Airman Jacob Smith.

355th Logistics Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Derrick Alston

355th Medical Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Joshua Barr, Senior Airman Jason Krieger and Staff Sgt. Eric York.

355th Medical Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Robert Boyd III and Tech. Sgt. Kevin McGee.

355th Mission Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Mark Christmas and Staff Sgt. Gregory Peters.

355th Operations Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Mark Huschak, Staff Sgt. Kelly Kakert, Tech. Sgt. Jason

Muchmore, Tech. Sgt. Stephen Reeves and Staff Sgt. Scott Wells.

355th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Nancy Altenbernd, Staff Sgt. Thomas Brenner, Senior Airman Charles Carpenter, Staff Sgt. Shaun Guilfoil, Tech. Sgt. David Midel and Senior Airman Jacob Miller.

355th Services Squadron

Master Sgt. Priscilla Jackson

355th Supply Squadron

Staff Sgt. Robbie Bebee, Senior Airman Timothy Brewster, Senior Airman Gabriel Chevere, Master Sgt. James Jackson, Tech. Sgt. Raymond Jure and Tech. Sgt. James Risley.

355th Training Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Steven Brown and Tech. Sgt. Kevin Pearl.

362nd Training Squadron

Staff Sgt. Robert Fruechtenicht

371st Training Squadron

Staff Sgt. Roy Adkins, Staff Sgt. Michael Checkley, Staff Sgt. James Lapenta and Staff Sgt. Gary Rash.

355th Transportation Squadron

Staff Sgt. David Bishop, Staff Sgt. James Collins Jr., Senior Airman Laurie Luna, Senior Airman Melecio Luna III, Senior Airman James Seay, Senior Airman Michael Steers, Senior Airman Nadine Walker and Senior Airman Ernest Walden.

(Courtesy 355th Wing Career Assistance Advisor)

Forums, chat room promotes Crossroads' global community

The Air Force's official community Web site, Crossroads, has added three new forums and a chat room to promote the service's dedication to maintaining its sense of global community.

Spouse, employment and cooking bulletin board message centers were added to the existing Crossroads Web site, which pools Internet resources from across the Air Force and Defense Department into a single location to help Air Force families deal with the stress of frequent moves and separations.

"In the Air Force, we long ago realized that while we recruit individuals, we retain families," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan. "As large parts of our force deploy for extended periods, our ability to care for their families left behind becomes increasingly important."

The new spouse forum, which provides access to a variety of Air Force topics, recognizes the role spouses play in managing the family during deployments, and assists them in dealing with routine, as well as extraordinary, circumstances that often occur when the active duty member is away.

"Today's global Air Force often calls upon the military member to perform his or her duties away from home, leaving the spouse alone to maintain the family unit," said Stefanie Myers, the community pro-

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Air Force Chief of Staff



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grams research assistant who moderates the three new forums.

"Spouses are invited to join the spouse forum to learn from each other, and to share their experiences, information and resources from both home and abroad," she said.

The spouse forum currently has more than 600 members, and topics of conversation range from questions on pet quarantines and adoption advice to requests for information on individual bases and temporary duty assignments, Myers said.

Along with the spouse forum, the Crossroads employment forum offers spouses an avenue to share employment opportunities in their area with newcomers.

"We want employment forum members to share what they've learned about employment in their areas and to talk with people coming or leaving, to create a worldwide employment network for all mem-

bers of the Air Force community," Myers said.

Crossroads also offers a traditional and telework job bank filled with commercial and government opportunities and server space for subscribers to place their resumes. A search feature allows them to look for job announcements in a variety of career fields.

"The job bank was developed specifically with the military spouse in mind because spouses were often overlooked when the active duty member got an assignment," she said. "We have many professional spouses who had to start over with each new assignment. The job bank helps them retain some continuity with their careers by allowing spouses the option to telecommute and take their job with them without having to start all over."

Telework allows a spouse to work from home, regardless of geographic location, provided the spouse has a

personal computer and Internet access. Since its inception Oct. 1, the job bank has helped eight military spouses get employment in their local community.

The recipe forum, a feature requested by Crossroads members, will offer a place to exchange recipes and ask for cooking guidance.

By mid-December Crossroads will open its chat room so spouses and other members of the Air Force community can discuss a variety of topics in real time.

"Chat rooms are a way for deployed members to talk to their spouses and families without charging up their phone bills," Myers said. "But it's also a great way for friends to keep in touch as they move about the world on their various assignments."

Air Force Crossroads, www.afcrossroads.com, is publicly accessible from home to members of the Air Force community; however, registration requires a user name and password.

"Because quality people are key to readiness, our Air Force seeks to provide its members and their families access to resources and information to assist them with the daily demands of the military lifestyle," Ryan said. "We encourage everyone to use Crossroads; it's an excellent tool to promote community and family programs." (Courtesy Air Force Print News)

Advertising

Sergeant donates kidney, gives brother gift of life

By Airman 1st Class Chris Uhles
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Philosopher, poet and novelist George Santayana once said, “The family is one of nature’s masterpieces.” To protect those masterpieces, some people will give up just about anything.

Staff Sgt. Harry Fisher is one of those people. Fisher, a videographer with the 49th Communications Squadron’s Visual Information Center, is recovering from donating a kidney to his older brother.

In what many are calling a heroic effort, and what he tries to downplay, Fisher underwent a new kidney-removal procedure called laparoscopic nephrectomy. The procedure, which has been performed only a dozen times in New Mexico, leaves the donor in much better shape, said Barbara Morgan, pre-transplant coordinator for Renal Medical Associates in Albuquerque.

Morgan said the previous method meant the donor would be hospitalized at least nine days and would be out of work for six to 10 weeks. With this new procedure, donors can leave the hospital after three or four days

and return to work in less than six weeks.

The effects of losing this major organ are minimal, said Morgan. “A person can live a very healthy and normal life with only one kidney. In fact, there are many people who are even born with only one kidney.”

“I don’t feel any different — just sore,” said Fisher. “All I had to do was lie there and let them take the kidney. The real heroes are the people that surround me: my wife, who had to take care of everything while I was recovering; my co-workers who had to pick up my slack in my one-deep position. Those are the people who did something, not me.”

His supervisor disagrees. “It was his sacrifice that was great,” said Tech. Sgt. Alex Ray, 49th CS visual information superintendent. “Whatever we can do to support him in this is small potatoes compared to what he did.”

Fisher’s brother suffers from membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis, a disease that caused his kidneys to shut down. Fisher’s father donated a kidney 20 years ago, but it began to fail earlier this year and a new donor was needed.



Staff Sgt. Sam Park

Staff Sgt. Harry Fisher explains his job to Gen. John Jumper, Air Combat Command commander, during his recent visit to Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

Fisher volunteered one of his kidneys and he turned out to be a perfect match. In fact, the doctors were surprised at how close a match Fisher was.

“Each candidate for donation is probed and prodded. No stone is unturned. We have to make sure there are no underlying diseases that could put the kidney at risk later on,” Morgan explained.

“Each candidate has to be very healthy,” the coordinator said. “They get several physical exams, lab tests and a CAT scan to ensure the kidney will function properly. The closeness in types Harry and his brother is usually only found in identical twins.”

Did that help in Fisher’s decision process?

“There was no question — I didn’t even give it a second thought. It’s my brother,” Fisher said. “Giving him the kidney gave him a second chance at doing what he wants in life. He’s got a wife and two kids. Now he’s got a whole new life. I had no hesitation.”

He also explained being in the Air Force helped him make the decision. “All those times I’ve had to deploy with the Air Force were not necessarily something I wanted to do, but I knew I had to do it and move on. That really helped me in my decision.”

Fisher said he was “a little nervous about the surgery,” but knew his brother would do the same for him.

“The weirdest thing about the whole ordeal was walking into the hospital and surgery room completely healthy, and leaving hurt. But I’d do it again in a heartbeat.”

Advertising



Chief Master Sgt. Tom Wright (left) discusses issues with Staff Sgt. William Curtis. Curtis is the assistant NCO in charge of small computers for the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

Failure a good thing?

Chief details how success results from failing, learning

By Chief Master Sgt. Tom Wright
355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

"Defeat is not the worst of failures. Not to have tried is the true failure."
George Woodbury

Failure is not always a "bad" thing. Failure is a fact of life. Our failures can be turned into successes if we know how to use the lessons learned from such failures.

Knowing what doesn't work, and why, can guide us towards seeing and understanding what could or will work, and ultimately — success.

Everyone makes mistakes. But failure can be beneficial to us as leaders as long as we understand what role we play in it, and can apply the knowledge gained to future situations.

Leaders must take action, and their decisions affect the lives of

many people. The higher the rank of the individual who makes the mistake, the larger the effect on the entire organization. Consequently, the ability to recognize our mistakes and draw important lessons from failure better prepares us to minimize undesirable results in our organizations.

Is there an easier way to learn from our mistakes other than personal trial and error? Yes, but we must not always try tackling problem ourselves. Teamwork is the key to correcting or possibly avoiding mistakes. We as individuals can't explore all the pertinent views of a situation as well as a group. The statement "two heads are better than one" can't be more true than in this situation. The more inputs from our peers and subordinates, the less our chance of failure, but more importantly, the better our chance of success.

So success depends on how we,
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Welcome to Davis-Monthan

Col. Marshall Bronsten, Assistant Director of Air National Guard Requirements for Air Combat Command
Col. Edward Cook, Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force 6

355th Wing Flying Goals									
Hours	41st ECS	42nd ACCS	43rd ECS	Sorties	354th FS	357th FS	358th FS		
Goal	249	345	199		479	330	301		
Flown	152	201	139		305	168	202		
Delta	15	9	27		27	9	50		
FY 2001	47	10	61		18	4	20		

Current as of Wednesday

Where are 355th Wing members serving?

This time last year, **138** members of the 355th Wing were deployed.

Europe: 10

Southwest Asia: 91

Central America: 2

South America: 17

Deployed (by group):

355 OG - 5

355 LG - 54

355 SPTG - 61

Total: 120

Other locations -- 0
Current as of Monday

Source:
355th Mission Support Squadron
Personnel Readiness Unit

Remembering a 'hero'

First sergeant shares encounter that shaped her future

By Senior Master Sgt. Donna Coleman
355th Operations Support Squadron first sergeant

When people find out that I've been a first sergeant for more than 11 years, they usually ask, "How have you kept your sanity for so long?"

Of course they are joking, but they are also acknowledging that my life as a first sergeant isn't easy and the question is usually a compliment, asked out of respect and admiration.

When I think back to the beginning of my life as a "Shirt," I have to start with my own first sergeant who impressed me enough to want to do his job.

His name was Ralph (Chief to me) and he was the hardest working guy I had ever met. He was everywhere at once; involved in everything that affected the troops, yet he still had time for his family and friends. I became especially close to him during the time he found out that he had terminal cancer. Only a few key people knew Ralph had cancer and that's just what he preferred.

He wanted to be a good Air Force member and a good first sergeant until the day he either retired or died. As he struggled with managing his cancer and keeping up with his first sergeant responsibilities I admired him so much that sometimes it would bring tears to my eyes just watching him.

There were times as his illness progressed when he would miss a meeting, forget a task or just plain look tired. Sometimes people would

complain that he wasn't doing as much as he should and they'd give him a hard time or say unkind things about him.

They didn't know that Ralph was coming to work right after his chemotherapy treatments and staying all day no matter how bad he felt just so he'd be there for those very people who complained about him.

Ralph managed to make it to his retirement date and remained very much a part of my life. He and his wife treated me like a daughter and I spent a lot of time with them off-duty.

When Ralph was admitted to the hospital for what we knew was probably the last time, he called several others and me to his hospital bed and together we planned his funeral.

He asked each of us to be a part of his service because we were closest to him and he wanted to ease his wife's burden of planning everything alone. I was 28 years old at the time and this was a very profound, significant emotional experience for me. I had never met anyone like Ralph before and I was in awe of the way he was handling his impending death.

That day, after we planned his funeral, Ralph stopped accepting nourishment from the nurses and the doctors expected him to die within three days.

During that time I had also been selected by 21st Air Force to go on a temporary duty assignment to the Republic of Panama to assist in installing a training subsystem for a new unit.

I had gotten permission to delay my TDY

because of Ralph's impending death; however, I was only allowed to delay five days.

When the five days were up, Ralph was still alive and my request for another extension was disapproved. I was very upset and went to the hospital on my way to the airport to say goodbye to my friend and mentor. I knew that was the last time I would hug him or ever talk to him again.

In my grief I told him that when I became a senior NCO I was going to be a first sergeant just like him so I could make a positive difference in peoples' lives, as he had done in mine.

Within one hour of my boarding time, Ralph passed away. I was so very sad that I was denied the opportunity to participate in his funeral, but I realized later that it just wasn't meant for me to remember him that way.

The Ralph I remember has always been very much alive in my mind and in my heart. Years later when I got a line number for master sergeant in 1989, I immediately applied to become a first sergeant, was accepted, and have worn the diamond ever since.

I'm so grateful to Ralph for the things he taught me, both professionally and personally. Sometimes when I reminisce about my past Shirt experiences, I think about Ralph.

If I'm half the first sergeant he was, I think I've done all right. If "Chief" could see me now I hope he'd be proud I chose the diamond as my professional calling, the same diamond that meant so much to him, that he wore so proudly until the day he died.

Good Thing

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as leaders, react to our failures. It also depends on our attitudes. The most important ingredient for success is our ability to draw knowledge from our mistakes and learn how to apply that knowledge in productive ways.

For a leader then, it is necessary to understand what went wrong, to accept responsibility for the consequences, and to avoid similar circumstances in the future.

For these reasons, a positive attitude plays an extremely important role in correcting failure. Open, honest and positive conversation will leave our subordinates with the thought that to err is human, as long as we learn from our mistakes.

Leaders must also exemplify character. They must believe in themselves and know they have what it takes to lead well. A positive self-esteem therefore is

necessary; it fosters trust, courage and fortitude, not only in ourselves, but in our followers as well. It's important to realize that leaders who avoid learning from their failed experiences will most likely repeat these failures.

More importantly, however, those who learn from their failures become better leaders and are recognized as such.

The success of the Air Force depends on the ability of its leaders to shape its destiny. When an organization fails, the leader is the one most likely to receive the lion's share of the blame.

So, how can we as leaders obtain success from our failures? By learning from failure, understanding our role, using teamwork to create success, and having a positive attitude, courage and character. This is the way each of us can create a stronger organization and obtain success from failure.

Holiday crime prevention tips

Statistics prove there is an increase in crime around the holidays. Using some simple crime prevention strategies when shopping for holiday gifts can thwart a crook's holiday plans -- at least at your expense.

Park in well-lighted areas, preferably within close distance to the store or mall where you intend to shop.

Never carry large amounts of cash; use your checkbook, credit or debit cards to make most of your holiday purchases. Don't carry your automatic teller machine, or other debit card, with your personal identification number. If carrying a purse, carry it on the inside of your arm, on the side that is furthest from the street. Inside coat pockets are an excellent location to carry wallets or checkbooks.

Let someone know where you

are going shopping and what time you expect to return. Shopping with a friend is a relaxing, fun method of increasing your personal safety while you shop. Avoid known trouble spots when you shop. Sometimes it's better to put off some shopping trips until the weekend to do some of your shopping in the daylight.

If you think you are being followed in a shopping center, find a store's security guard or manager and advise them of your concerns. Many store and malls employ additional security people, including off-duty police officers, during the holiday season to increase the safety of their customers.

Taking these few extra precautions will help insure you don't become a victim to a "Grinch" waiting to spoil your holiday fun. (Courtesy Air Combat Command Security Forces)

Health Focus

By Lt. Col. Linda Wright
355th Medical Group

Put the 'happy' in happy holidays

The holiday season is a time when images of idealized family joy and togetherness and many reminders of holidays past surround us. Though the holiday season is one of happiness, good cheer and optimistic hopes for a New Year, many people experience seasonal "blues."

Not all people become depressed during the holidays. Many develop other stress reactions, such as headaches, excessive drinking, overeating and have difficulty sleeping. Many factors have been known to contribute to the "holiday blues," such as increased stress and fatigue from spending too much money on presents, traveling or being short staffed at the office; unrealistic expectations; over-commercialization of the holiday; and the inability to be with one's family, especially when it's the first time away from home or when deployed or on a remote tour. Tension can build up due to the increased demands of shopping, parties, family reunions and houseguests. Other triggers for the "blues" to consider are if you are recently widowed, divorced or remarried and adjusting to stepchildren.

Although many people become depressed or experience the "blues" during the holiday season, even more respond to the excessive stress and anxiety once the holidays have passed. This post-holiday letdown can be the result of emotional disappointments experienced during the preceding months, as well as the physical reactions caused by excess

fatigue and stress.

Whenever it is that you feel the greatest holiday stress, it is important that you keep things in perspective and take steps to help keep your sanity and serenity during the holiday season:

- ◆ Keep expectations reasonable. Don't expect a perfect family gathering if family members have a history of being critical, selfish, drinking too much, or do other things you find disruptive. Accept family members for who they are and choose how much of your holiday time you want to spend with them. Choose to spend the most time with people who care about you and treat you well—whether or not they are relatives.

- ◆ Count your blessings. Are you healthy? Does someone, somewhere, love you? Do you have food, shelter and clothing? Many do not. Take time to be grateful for what you have rather than focusing on what you want but do not have.

- ◆ Set priorities and do those holiday activities you really enjoy. Go to a holiday movie or show, help a small child bake cookies or wrap presents, go to a grade school play or recital. Set aside anything that is a time waster or a nuisance. Find time for yourself. Don't spend all of your time providing activities for your family and friends.

- ◆ Maintain your health. Monitor

what you eat and drink, make sure you are getting enough sleep, and stick to your exercise program

- ◆ Do good deeds. The best cure for self-pity and the blues is to take action and help someone in need. Invite a recently-divorced acquaintance to a family dinner, help out at a homeless shelter, be a volunteer at a nursing home, adopt a stray pet from an animal shelter. In other words, open your heart to others and take your focus off yourself.

- ◆ Don't commit to more than you can handle. If there is not enough time in which to do a project, decide not to do it. Be assertive and politely say "No". Balance your obligations with things that you want to do. Plan your time and stick to your plan. Don't drive five hours to attend Aunt Minnie's holiday dinner if you don't like her or her household — and don't feel guilty about declining an invitation if that is what you really prefer.

- ◆ Participate in spiritual activities. These may be religious services, private prayer or meditation, inspirational readings, or other uplifting activities that remind you that you and your worries are not the center of the universe.

- ◆ Observe family holiday traditions, even if your family is far away. Bake that special pie or rent that special video even if all the family

members can't be there to participate. Traditions are especially important to children whose parents have divorced. If stepchildren came along with your new spouse, find out what their favorite holiday traditions are and ask if they would like to observe those traditions in your home.

- ◆ Acknowledge feelings of grief or loss if they exist. Remember that the holiday season does not automatically banish reasons for feeling sad or lonely. There is room for these feelings to be present, even if you choose not to express them. Allow yourself to accept invitations from others to join in their family gatherings. By allowing others to show they care, you help them as well as yourself.

- ◆ Keep spending in check. Enjoy holiday activities that are free, such as driving around to look at holiday decorations. Go window shopping without buying anything. Love is not expressed by the amount you can charge on your credit cards. When you do buy gifts, spend modestly. Invest your time, rather than mere money, in the people you love. A homemade gift, sincere personal message, or an hour reading a holiday story to children is more meaningful than a hasty purchase.

- ◆ Let others help. Allow children and visitors to help with holiday preparations — this is how family holiday traditions are established and funny stories are created.

- ◆ Make time to be kind. Be patient with, and courteous to, store clerks, cashiers, and other service personnel who wait on you.

Advertising

Fire safety

Common sense, caution go long way

By Todd Canale

355th Civil Engineer Squadron

With the holiday season in full swing, the Davis-Monthan Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to cover a few of the basics when it comes to holiday safety.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, more than 600 fires per year, in the United States, are started by the ignition of Christmas trees.

These fires cause an average of 36 deaths, 112 injuries and \$15 million in property damage per year.

In an effort to prevent your holiday ending up as another statistic, the fire department, in conjunction with the NFPA, have provided a number of

safety tips to ensure your holiday season can be as memorable and safe as possible.

- ◆ Look out for children – See that matches and lighters are out of reach and ensure they stay away from candles, fireplaces and space heaters.

- ◆ Buy only safe toys – Don't buy toys that burn easily or use flammable liquids.

- ◆ Choose a fresh tree – Ensure it is not shedding and make a fresh diagonal cut 2 inches beyond the original cut.

- ◆ Check out decorative lights – Before you buy a set of lights, look for the fire safety label from a testing laboratory. Do not overload outlets, never place electrical lights on a metal tree, and always unplug them before going to bed or

when you leave the house.

- ◆ Take care with candles – Do not put them on the tree or windowsill or leave lit candles in a room when not occupied.

In addition to the above listed safety tips, Air Force Instruction 32-2001 Base Supplement 1, The Fire Protection Operations and Fire Prevention Program, states the following:

- ◆ Christmas lights will be in good physical condition with no splices or unauthorized repairs.

- ◆ Lights should be checked before each use.

- ◆ Christmas tree lights will be unplugged when facility is vacant.

- ◆ Indoor lights will not be used as outdoor lights.

- ◆ Lights for outdoor use will be in good physical condition

and approved for outdoor use by the manufacturer and be weatherproof.

- ◆ The use of live Christmas trees is prohibited. Only non-combustible (artificial) Christmas trees are authorized for use in base facilities. Exception: military family housing and dormitory residents may use live Christmas trees.

Once the holiday is over, remove the tree promptly from your residence. Since it burns with great intensity, never burn any part of your tree in the fireplace or near your residence.

Finally, please take the time to make this holiday as safe as possible for you and your loved ones. Call the fire prevention office at 8-6025 for more information on holiday safety.

Advertising

Eyes to the sky

Tower controllers keep airspace around D-M safe



Airman 1st Class Latonia Brown

Airman 1st Class Irvin Ritter transmits information to an on-base agency to control aircraft traffic. Ritter is a controller assigned to the 355th Operations Support Squadron.

By Karen Halstead
Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's air traffic control tower is manned 24 hours a day. Normally, five people maintain control of the air traffic coming in and out of the base, but on the weekends and holidays with minimum air traffic, tower manning is also at a minimum.

Day or night, the D-M tower operates on a team philosophy where every player looks out for at least one other member.

"Our team approach, means someone else is watching what we do," said Airman 1st Class Kyle Green, air traffic control technician, 355th Operations Support Squadron. "This is the team-position-responsibility concept. We feel safe in every aspect of our position. The person working flight data listens to ground control; the coordinator listens to local traffic and the watch supervisor listens to everyone. We must have absolutely no distractions."

Air traffic control technicians train for about four months at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. Training continues at their first duty station, where it typically

takes from seven to 14 months to earn their five level, according to Tech. Sgt. David Nahs, a 16-year air traffic control veteran with D-M's tower team, 355th Operations Support Squadron.

Once the new technicians finish their upgrade training, they become trainers and train other new technicians. Such is the case for Green, who finished his five-level training in 10 months.

"I'll be training someone now," Green said. "Trainers train the trainee. I was a trainee, now I'll be a trainer."

It isn't just the technicians who are in training, Nahs said, "Every base has a different set of processes technicians must learn upon arrival to that base."

Green discussed the three basic positions in the tower: flight data, ground control and local control.

Once the technicians prove their competence at these three positions, they are awarded their five-level in the air traffic control career field, according to Green.

New technicians first learn the flight data position. This position maintains records of aircraft departures and landings, makes base operations notifications,

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Advertising



Airman 1st Class Latonia Brown

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's air traffic keeps a full slate of controllers on their toes, as each person monitors their portion of the air and ground space.

Air Traffic

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updates weather information and records a host of other information.

From flight data, trainees move to the ground control position. The ground controllers talk to pilots while they remain on the ground. They direct the pilot from parking to the runway and issue the pilot departure instructions.

The third position, local control, clears the aircraft for take-off and controls it as long as the aircraft is within five nautical miles of D-M and below 5,500 feet to include landing clearance.

Other positions include a coordinator controller and watch supervisor. The coordinator controller maintains communications between D-M's tower and the Tucson International Airport tower guaranteeing a smooth flow of traffic, according to Nahs. "We also coordinate between TIA tower and Tucson terminal radar approach control here on base," he said.

The watch supervisor is responsible for the overall operations of the facility and is required to have an awareness of the air traffic control environment at all times.

Watch supervisors ensure air-traffic flow is running smoothly and works with each controller to ensure operations under their control are also running smoothly.

"We're always on our toes, but when we're busy, we have to be even more alert," Nahs said. "We can't let our guard down. This is what I like most about this job, the responsibility. You can't say it's the same old stuff everyday, because everyday is different. It requires us to be alert. The moment you aren't something can happen."

"It can be stressful," Green said. "When the air pattern is set and an A-10 blows a tire when it lands, you have know what to do with the other 10 planes you have under your control and still up in the air. That's when it's stressful, but otherwise it's just an exciting job."

"I love all aspects of flight, here in the tower and even flying," Green said. "I wouldn't trade

these last two years. It hasn't been a cakewalk, but I've grown up a little and gained a lot of confidence.

"Plus we have a great group of people and have the advantage of seeing the 'big picture' in the sky," Green said.

Nahs said the air traffic controller's primary mission is to provide a safe and expeditious flow of air traffic, which he adds, "Gets our pilots safely on the ground."

"Air traffic controllers have to be quick thinkers," Nahs said. "If you have a number five plane in your pattern, which suddenly has an engine fire, that planes moves to the number one spot. You can't take time to stop and think; you've got to know what you're going to do."

What happens when mistakes are made?

According to Nahs, the report process is two-sided, as both pilots and controllers may file reports, each has the right to file a hazardous air traffic report within 24 hours of an incident.

The report is filed to the facility involved in the incident. The chief controller investigates the controller's actions while 355th Wing Safety investigates the entire incident. The investigation relies on voice tapes at each controller's station, along with interviews from the controller and pilot. "The investigation process provides the chief controller with a clear idea of what happened so they can give a recommendation of how to improve the process," Nahs said. "Players who plan on filing a report must notify each other of their intent to file a report."

There isn't any set number of aircraft a controller must control, according to Nahs, but rather a controller's ability determines how many aircraft he handles.

Many controllers hope to go on to serve with the FAA after the Air Force, and, according to Nahs, the magic age limit imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration is 31, which most military controllers have passed when they retire [from the Air Force]. However the FAA recently relaxed age requirements, making it easier for them gain employment through the FAA.

Korean War remembered



(Editor's note: As America recognizes its veterans (during the next three years) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, the Desert Airman

is running significant events.) This week in 1950, the following significant Air Force events occurred:

Dec. 15: The 4th Fighter Interceptor Group inaugurated F-86 Sabrejet operations in Korea. Far East Air Forces Bomber Command launched its first mission in a new zone interdiction plan. Republic of Korea forces completed their withdrawal from Wonsan, North Korea, and the 8th U.S. Army withdrew below the 38th parallel.

Dec. 17: Lt. Col. Bruce Hinton, 4th FIG, scored the first F-86 aerial victory against a MiG-15 on the first day Sabres encountered Communist jets. FEAF Combat Cargo Command abandoned Yonpo Airfield to communist forces, having transported 228 patients, 3,891 other passengers, and 20,088 tons of cargo in four days.

Dec. 20: Twelve C-54s of the 61st Tactical Cargo Group airlifted 806 South Korean orphans from Kimpo to Cheju-Do off the South Korean coast in Operation Christmas Kidlift.

Pressured by overwhelming numbers of Chinese Communist Forces troops, the U.S. 8th Army withdrew from western North Korea. Far East Air Forces aided this withdrawal by a "reverse airlift" that allowed U.S. forces to take out most of their equipment and supplies. FEAF Combat Cargo Command airlifted food and ammunition to encircled elements of the X Corps and evacuated their sick and wounded troops. The X Corps' units concentrated at Hungnam, so that the United Nations forces could leave eastern North Korea by sea. By the end of the month, the UN line had fallen back to near the 38th parallel, and most of North Korea was back in communist hands.

Three Air Force fighter groups withdrew from North to South Korea, reducing 5th Air Force's ability to provide air support for both Eighth Army and X Corps at the same time. Nevertheless, effective Fifth Air Force attacks on Chinese Communist Forces forced them to abandon daytime movements. Far East Air Forces Bomber Command conducted almost daily B-29 raids against North Korean cities that served as enemy supply or communications centers, including Sinanju, Anju, Kanggye, Pyongyang and Wonsan.

Scoreboard

Bowling

Intramural - American

Team	W-L
MDG #2	70-34
42 ACCS #2	68-36
41 ECS #2	58-46
CONS	58-46
42 ACCS #1	56-48
41 ECS #1	54-50
MDG #1	54-50
355 OSS	42-62
43 ECS	24-80
High Scratch Game (Team):	
41 ECS #1, 904	
High Scratch Series (Team):	
41 ECS #1, 2518	
High Scratch Game (Men):	
Carl Miller, 264	
High Scratch Series (Men):	
Carl Miller, 615	
High Scratch Game	
(Women): Sondra Calley, 222	
High Scratch Series	
(Women): Sondra Calley, 651	

Intramural - National

Team	W-L
SVS	65-39
12 AF #1	65-39
AMMO	64-40
AMARC	62-42
12 AF #3	54-50
MSS	52-52
TRANS	52-52

CRS	46-58
SUPS	44-60
25 OWS #1	44-60
COMM	40-64
358th	36-68
High Scratch Game (Team):	
SVS, 996	
High Scratch Series (Team):	
SVS, 2844	
High Scratch Game (Men):	
George Sansone, 269	
High Scratch Series (Men):	
George Sansone, 671	
High Scratch Game	
(Women): Samantha Carlson, 184	
High Scratch Series	
(Women): Pam Boggs, 472	

Tuesday Early Risers

Team	W-L
Hit & Miss	68-44
OUI 3	63-49
The Monarchs	60-52
Ally Kats	58-54
Wee Bee Bad	55-57
Hot Cats	51-61
Dream Catchers	51-61
Soon's Runway	42-70
High Scratch Game (Team):	
Hit & Miss, 515	
High Scratch Series (Team):	
Hit & Miss, 1435	
High Scratch Game: Arlene	
Cook, 187	
High Scratch Series: Arlene	
Cook, 495	

Phantom Mixed

Team	W-L
Strike Force	62-34
So So's	60-36
The Cajuns	58-38
Lucky Seven	57-39
Strikebusters	56-40
The Dizzy Four	54-42
Alley Oops	50-46
Six Pack	45-51
Avengers	38-58
Sweet Revenge	36-60
Rat Pack	34-62

OWC

Team	W-L
Lady Flyers	74-22
Coyotes	62-34
The Eastsiders	54-42
Splitsters	52-44
KIDDS	46-50
Snuffers	46-50
Alley Cats	42-54
High Scratch Game: Marlene	
Flyer, 179	
High Scratch Series: Marlene	
Flyer, 472	

D-M Pinrollers

Team	W-L
Uh Huh Girls	68-28
Dreamers	59-37
Team 5	56-40
Team 6	53-43
The Dream Catchers	48-48
Annie's Girls	45-51
L-A-D-Y	44-52

Kachina Dolls	37-59
High Scratch Game (Team):	
Team 6, 691	
High Scratch Series (Team):	
Team 6, 1911	
High Scratch Game: Fran	
Baird, 221	
High Scratch Series: Fran	
Baird, 583	

CE Mixed

Team	W-L
Just-4-Fun	52-20
Good, Bad & Ugly	52-28
The Cans	50-30
Fire Dawgs	50-30
BJ's Bunn	42-38
MILFs	38-26
Brew Crew	36-44
Old Timers	22-50
Now N Then	22-50
HVAC	20-20
High Scratch Game (Men):	
Brad Carroll, 207	
High Scratch Series (Men):	
Dave Kozma, 582	
High Scratch Game: Gail	
Johnson, 179	
High Scratch Series: Gail	
Johnson, 497	

Thursday Night

Team	W-L
The Prickly Pears	66-38
Mission Impossible	66-38
Four Seas	64-40
Pick One	64-60
Lickity Splits	60-44
PBJs	60-44
Desert Strikers	60-44
Road Runners	52-52
Ice Breakers	48-56
BM's	46-58

Cool Cs	44-60
Nice N Spicy	40-64
Pintendos	38-66
Bucks N Does	20-84
High Scratch Game (Team):	
Four Seas, 758	
High Scratch Series (Team):	
Four Seas, 2147	
High Scratch Game (Men):	
Les Claassen, 232	
High Scratch Series (Men):	
John Cook, 608	
High Scratch Game	
(Women): Arlene Cook, 192	
High Scratch Series	
(Women): Arlene Cook, 552	

Friday Nite Fun

Team	W-L
Wannabees	66-30
3 Roses & A Thorn	58-38
Double Trouble	55-41
More BS	53-43
O Spare Us	50-46
Just Us	50-46
AAFES	46-50
Kum Cantasi	45-51
The Misfits	44-52
Gutter Dusters	43-53
Just Havin Fun	42-46
High Scratch Game (Team):	
Double Trouble, 830	
High Scratch Series (Team):	
More BS, 2197	
High Scratch Game (Men):	
Ken Bettis, 255	
High Scratch Series (Men):	
Tom Lorentz, 666	
High Scratch Game	
(Women): Reda Lowe, 246	
High Scratch Series	
(Women): Chris Spieker, 718	

Bantams

(Week 11)	
Team	W-L
The Dragons	65-23
N Sync	61-27
Tigers	50-38
High Handicap Game (Team):	
Tigers, 757	
High Scratch Series (Team):	
N Sync, 664	
High Handicap Game (Boys):	
Cody Sechler, 200	
High Scratch Series (Boys):	
Jonathon Willis, 250	
High Scratch Game (Girls):	
Alicia Jones, 65	
High Scratch Series (Girls):	
Sabrina Wayman, 254	

Preps/Juniors/ Majors

(Week 11)	
Team	W-L
The Xtremes	62-26
Fox Hound	58-30
Alley Cats	52-36
Jaguars	51-37
Undertakers	47-41
Unlimited	43-45
Strikers	42-46
N Sync Fireballs	40-48
Desert Pros	40-48
Desert Strikers	38-50
The Bulldogs	34-54
Vacant	17-71
High Scratch Game (Team):	
Undertakers, 479	
High Scratch Series (Team):	
Vacant, 1467	
High Scratch Game (Boys):	
Jacob Dougan, 124 (Preps);	
Allen Ekstrom, 114 (Juniors);	
Jason Wakefield, 157	
(Majors)	
High Scratch Series (Boys):	
Tyler Johnson, 413 (Preps);	

Joshua Dougan, 379
(Juniors); Mike CuvIELlo, 467
(Majors)
High Scratch Game (Girls):
Sasha Willis, 98 (Preps);
Kristin Wakefield, 112
(Juniors)
High Scratch Series (Girls):
Rachel Ross, 336 (Preps);
Kendra Shorter, 347 (Juniors)

Flag Football

Monday/ Wednesday

(Final - Regular Season)	
Team	W-L
MDG	7-0
SFS	6-1
CRS	6-2
COMM	5-2
162 ANG	5-3
43 ECS	4-4
TRANS	2-5
OSS	2-6
41 ECS	1-6
358 FS	0-9

Tuesday/ Thursday

(Final - Regular Season)	
Team	W-L
SUPS	6-1
CES	5-3
43 OPS	4-3
12 AF	4-3
354 FS	4-3
357 FS	4-4
42 ACCS	3-3
25 OWS	3-3
EMS	3-4

Advertising

Sports Shorts

Basketball clinics

Basketball clinics, conducted by the youth center, will help young players get ready for the upcoming youth basketball season. Clinics continue Saturday. Sessions are 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. (ages 5 through 8), and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (ages 9 through 15). Another three-day clinic, for ages 9 and up, is 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 27 through 29. The three-day cost is \$15. D-M's 10-week youth basketball season begins Jan. 20. Games are Saturdays at the youth center gym. Call Kathy Sands at 8-8373 for more information

Golf Ham Shoot

The Blanchard Golf Course Ham Shoot is Sunday. The entry fee is \$5 (per person) for the two-person, blind-draw, best ball tournament. Players must have a current Arizona Golf Association, Davis-Monthan or Ladies AGA handicap. Competitors will play from their own tees, with their own group, at their own tee time. Call 8-3734 for more information.

Football Frenzy Mondays

Football Frenzy is every Monday at the Desert Oasis Club. Fans are invited to the club Mondays for NFL football, snacks, pizza, wings and beverage specials. Valuable local prizes will be given away every week. Members and their guests can win mini footballs, sports bags and pullovers and a \$150 MasterCard gift card. National prize winners go to the Tampa Super Bowl Jan. 28, and the Honolulu Pro Bowl Feb. 4.



Trips include airfare and hotel accommodations for two, and a rental car. Only club members (either club) are eligible for national prizes. Sponsors are SatoTravel, Miller Brewing Co., American Airlines, Comfort Inn (San Diego), Double Tree Alana Waikiki (Pro Bowl), and Air Force Clubs (no federal endorsement intended).

Skeet and trap open weekends

D-M's modern skeet and trap ranges open at 8 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays. Military shooters pay \$3 a round; civilians pay \$3.50. Per-round savings are available for purchasers

of annual range fees. Ranges are at the east end of Yuma Road, adjacent to the small arms range. Call outdoor recreation at 8-3736.

Aerobics, exercise classes

The Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center offers a lineup of exercise and aerobics classes each week (instructor name in parentheses). Call 8-3714 for more information.

Monday - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10 to 1 p.m. - Spinner (Steve); 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Aerobics (Rumiko); 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

Tuesday - 8 to 9 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit training (Corinne); 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph)

Wednesday - 10:10 to 11 a.m. - Spinner (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Kick boxing (Corinne); 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Belly dancing I (Basheera); 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Belly dancing II (Basheera)

Thursday - 10 to 11 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Training (Corinne); 5 to 6 p.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 6:10 to 8:10 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph)

Friday - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); noon to 1 p.m. - Spinner (Steve); 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

Saturday - 10 to 11 a.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 11 a.m. to noon - Spinner (Corinne)

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Chapel events

Protestant schedule

Today: Aim High Bible Study, 7 p.m., Desert Dove Chapel annex. Call 889-1715 for more information.

Saturday: Couples' Bible Study, 7 p.m., call 749-5550 for more information.

Sunday: Contemporary Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Hope Chapel; Sunday School, 10 a.m., Desert Dove and Hope Chapels; Traditional Worship Service, 11:15 a.m., Desert Dove Chapel annex; Inspirational Gospel Worship Service, 11:15 a.m., Hope Chapel.

Tuesday: Ladies Bible Studies: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., (nursery provided), Desert Dove Chapel, or 11:30 to 12:30 p.m., Desert Dove Chapel; Singles Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Building 3220; Bible Study for Moms, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Desert Dove Chapel.

Wednesday: Mid-week Bible Study, noon, Desert Dove Chapel; Promise Keepers Bible Study, 11:30 a.m., 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron conference room in Building 4810; Prayer and Teaching Time, 7 p.m., Desert Dove Chapel; Youth Night, for middle and high school groups, Desert Dove Chapel, 7 p.m.; Angel Bible Study and choir for elementary groups, 7 p.m., Desert Dove Chapel classrooms.

Catholic schedule

Saturday: Mass, 5 p.m., Desert Dove Chapel; Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph's Church, 4 to 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 7:30 and 10 a.m., Desert Dove Chapel; Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:15 to 9:45 a.m., Desert Dove Chapel.

Monday through Friday: Rosary, 11:10 a.m., Hope Chapel; Mass or communion service, 11:30 a.m., Hope Chapel.

Wednesday: Rite for Christian Initiation 7 to 8:30 p.m., Desert Dove Chapel.

Islamic schedule

Today: Prayer service, noon to 2 p.m., Building 3220, third floor-west; educational classes, 6 to 8 p.m., Building 3220, third-floor west.

Chapel puppet show

Aim High Ministries is hosting a free puppet show today at 7 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel. Come out for an evening of fun and refreshments. For more information, call 889-8320.



On-base clubs

Officers' Club

Today: Evening dining is cancelled.

Saturday: Evening dining is cancelled. Barbershop is open, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wing Christmas party is today.

Sunday: Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; adults, \$13.95.

Monday: Get New Year's Eve reservations at 748-0660.

Tuesday: Prime rib for two, \$19.95.

Wednesday: Two-for-One steak night, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Thursday: All-you-can-eat pasta bar, \$8.95.

Desert Oasis Enlisted Club

Today: Evening dining is cancelled. Catfish buffet is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday: Sports Bar opens at 5 p.m.

Sunday: Cabana is open; club is closed.

Monday: Football Frenzy at 7 p.m.

Tuesday: BBQ Buffet, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bingo is at 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Call now for New Year's Eve reservations.

Thursday: Club is closed next week.

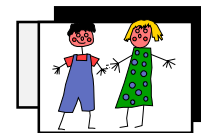
Free rides after club parties

Partygoers at D-M clubs are eligible for a free ride home after the party. Rides, arranged by

the on-duty club manager, are for those who feel impaired due to the consumption of alcohol. Riders will be taken home, anywhere in Tucson, but to no other destination. The free service is provided by the 355th Services Squadron. For information, call the Officers' club at 748-0660, or the Desert Oasis at 748-8666.

New Year's base celebrations

New Year's Eve parties are at the clubs and D-M Lanes. Officers' Club members will have a prime rib and lobster buffet, and enjoy a live band. A continental breakfast is served at midnight. Members and guests pay \$35; all others pay \$40 (cost for dinner only is \$18). Call 748-0660. The evening begins at 8 p.m. at the Desert Oasis Club. Members and guests are treated to entertainment, prizes and more. At midnight, champagne is served with breakfast. Members and guests are \$12; eligible non-members pay \$15. Call 748-8666. At the D-M Lanes, \$20 a person buys unlimited bowling, music, prizes, champagne for every lane and a full breakfast at midnight. Doors open at 7 p.m. Call 8-3461 for reservations.



Youth programs

Today: Teens can use Teen Bucks to buy merchandise.

Saturday: Basketball clinic, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at youth center. Brunch with Santa is 10:30 a.m. at the youth center, call 8-8844.

Monday: Youth basketball practice starts, call 8-8373.

Tuesday: Basketball parents meet at youth center at 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Primary holiday arts and crafts at 5:30 p.m., call 8-8844. Teen food and fun night at the youth center from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday: Basketball parents meet at 7 p.m. Preteen semi-formal dance, Friday, call 8-8844.

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Community events

Today: D-M Lanes New Year's Eve party is \$20, RSVP at 8-3461. Veterinary clinic pet food drive ends, call 8-3529.

Saturday: Winterhaven hayride, call outdoor recreation at 8-3736. Shop Arizona Mills with ITT, call 8-3700.

Sunday: Skeet and trap ranges open week-ends at 8 a.m.

Monday: Lodging has rooms for rent call 8-3230.

Tuesday: Toastmasters meet at library at 11:30 a.m. Winterhaven walk through, call outdoor recreation at 8-3736.

Wednesday: Ship UPS from the skills center, call 8-4385.

Thursday: Red-Eye Open at golf course, Jan. 1, call 8-3734.



Family support

Saturday: Hearts Apart Christmas party, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., family support center.

Give Parents A Break, 2 to 6 p.m., child development center and youth center.

Monday: Toys for Tots, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., family support center, Building 3210, E-4 and below. Financial Briefing, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., community center, Building 4201.

Tuesday: Toys for Tots, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., family support center, Building 3210, all military and civilian personnel. Interview workshop, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., community center, Building 4201. Time for Tots, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Chapel 1.

Wednesday: Transition Assistance (TAP)

Seminar, Dec. 20 through 22, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., community center, Building 4201.

Thursday: Fun Time, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Chapel 1.

VA benefits briefing

Individuals who are 180 days from separating or retiring should attend one of the monthly transition assistance program seminars and receive the veterans affairs briefing on loans, education, and disability benefits. The family support center conducts an extra Veterans Affairs benefit briefing each month for members who are unable to attend the primary one. The next briefing is 9 a.m. to noon, Jan. 4 at the community center, Building 4201. Call 8-5690 for reservations.

Smooth move

The family support center will conduct its next smooth move briefing 8 to 11 a.m., Jan. 3 at the community center, Building 4201. This briefing will cover many topics related to making a permanent change of station move. The briefing is open to military members, Department of Defense employees, and their spouses. Reservations are required. Call 8-5690 for reservations.



Education services

University of Phoenix

A University of Phoenix representative will be available to counsel interested students Tuesday from 1:30 to 4 p.m., Building 3200, Room 262. Call Carol Nees at 881-6512, ext. 124 for additional information.

Education test center closed

The education test center will be closed Tuesday through January 2. Testing will resume Jan. 3, 2001. For more information, call Phil King at 8-4249.

Scanner malfunction

Until further notice, the base education testing center will not be able to scan CLEP or DANTES tests for unofficial results. Direct any questions to Phil King at 8-4249.



Other agencies

Blood drive, save lives

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the community center. Donors should drink plenty of extra caffeine-free fluids 24-hours prior and eat a good meal 2 to 4 hours before donating. Appointments can be made by calling Master Sgt. Jill Goodwin at 8-4660 or by contacting the Red Cross at 917-2820. Walk-ins are welcome to come over as time permits. Stress balls will be handed out during this drive and drawings for free gifts will take place throughout the day. Volunteers are needed for set up, tear down, escort duty, canteen duty, and the sign in desk. So if you cannot donate, there are still opportunities for you to volunteer. The Bloodhound Award will be awarded to the squadron who has the most donors and the plaque is presented at the 355th Wing staff meeting. The goal for this drive is 150 pints. There is still a shortage of blood and we are coming up on a critical time of the year. This is a great opportunity to help save a life.

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Stay in Tucson for the holidays

Room reservations can be made now at the Inn on Davis-Monthan. Reservations can be made on a space-available basis for up to five days, Dec. 22 through Jan. 3, with a major credit card. Call 8-3309 during normal duty hours, or 8-3230 (Ext. 0) at all other times.

Operation Dear Abby

Anyone who is interested in spreading goodwill and cheer to military men and women around the world this holiday season can do so through "Operation Dear Abby" now through Jan. 15, 2001. To ensure mail is received within the required time frame and adheres to the Department of Defense security guidelines, mail must be limited to first-class letter mail weighing 13 ounces or less. When sending mail to a specific location, people are asked to address it to the closest geographic hub, which will distribute the mail to all services in the area that it supports. The following are this year's address:

EUROPE AND SOUTHWEST ASIA
Any Service Member
OPERATION DEAR ABBY
APO AE 09135

MEDITERRANEAN BASIN
Any Service Member
OPERATION DEAR ABBY
FPO AE 09646

FAR EAST
Any Service Member
OPERATION DEAR ABBY
APO AP 96285

PACIFIC BASIN
Any Service Member
OPERATION DEAR ABBY
FPO AP 96385

Operation Dear Abby is a program that began 16 years ago by Abigail Van Buren--known through her nationally syndicated column

"Dear Abby." For more information, call the 355th Public Affairs office at 8-3204.

Vacation at Vandenberg AFB

Vacation At Vandenberg Air Force Base in December. Active duty military, DOD civilians on leave, and retired military can make reservations now for today through Jan. 4 at Vandenberg Lodge, Vandenberg AFB, Calif., for a wonderful winter break. Prices are: \$21.50 per couple per night. Book now—you can reserve up to seven days in our quality lodging facilities. The lodge have a host of exciting things to do at this spot on the California coast. Make reservations by calling DSN: 276-1844, or commercial: (805) 734-1111.

Christmas tree recycling

Recycle your Christmas tree at the base recycle center at the corner of Yuma and Casa Grande Streets. Since the trees are used for composting purposes, all decorations, especially tinsel, must be removed prior to dropping it off at the center. The program will run from Dec. 26 through Jan. 15. For more information, call center manager, Joe Uremovich, at 8-2296.

Clinic construction

Due to the clinic construction project, the dental clinic, copper panel and weekend clinic entrances will not be accessible from the front patient parking lot Dec. 21. Enter the front of the building to gain access to these clinics. In addition, patient parking is available in front of the main clinic building as well as in front of the TRICARE service center.

Entertainment book

The new Entertainment book is on sale now at Information, Tickets & Tours. Two-for-one coupons are good at hundreds of local restaurants and fast-food locations, and other coupons offer discounts on travel, hotels, car rentals and other goods and services. Entertainment 2001 books cost \$35, and are valid through

Nov. 1. Buy yours at ITT, in Building 4430, or call 8-3700.

Base Exchange holiday hours

The AAFES Base Exchange has extended its hours for the upcoming holiday. They are as followed:

Monday through Saturday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Christmas Eve: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Vehicle registration/base decals

Effective immediately, all Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members who have a 2000 expiration decal on their vehicle can renew their decals to 2003. Vehicles can be re-registered at pass and registration in Building 3200 and at the visitor center near the Craycroft Road gate. Bring your ID card, drivers license, registration, proof of insurance and current decal number when registering vehicles. Both offices are closed on the weekend. Call 8-3224 for more information.

Thrift Shop hours

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments are taken until 1p.m. Call 8-2120 to reserve space for large items and furniture. The Thrift Shop is located in Building 3220 on Ironwood across the street from the bowling alley.



Movie theater

Today: Dr. T & The Women, (R), 7 p.m.
Saturday: Bedazzled, (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Sunday: Book of Shadows, Blair Witch 2, (R), 7 p.m.
Dec. 22: The Contender, (R), 7 p.m.
Dec. 23: Red Planet, (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Dec. 24: Closed.

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